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Re: U.S. Patent No. 7,449,023
Issued: November 11, 2008
Application No. 10/619,536
Inventors: Stephen B. Walulik, *et al.*
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE EXTERNAL FIXATION
AND CORRECTION OF BONE
Our Ref. No.: 5490E-000285

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.323

Sir:

We have reviewed the above-identified patent and have found the following typographical errors in the patent which require correction.

The amendments to the specification indicated in the Preliminary Amendment (paragraphs [0011], [0055], [0058], [0061], [0064]) filed on October 9, 2003 and in the Amendment and Response to Office Action (paragraphs [0061], [0062]) filed on April 20, 2007, were not entered in the issued patent. Instead, the amended paragraphs were added again at the end of the detailed description starting at line 31, column 8, and ending at line 30, column 9. All of these lines should be deleted and the amendments to the specification entered in the original paragraphs, as described below:

- Column 1, Line 39, delete "a" before first.
- Column 2, Line 39, "parallel" should be --perpendicular--.
- Column 5, Line 46, "alternative" should be --alternatively--.
- Column 6, Line 19, "A" should be --An--.
- Column 6, Line 51, "postioned" should be --positioned--.
- Column 7, Line 25, "126" should be --129--.
- Column 7, Line 54, insert "B" (shown in FIG. 6) after axis.
- Column 7, Line 59, "segement" should be --segment--.

Column 7, Line 62, "similar" should be --similarly--.

Column 8, Line 1, insert "A" (shown in FIG. 6)" after axis.

Column 8, Line 21, insert "two" after the.

Column 8, Line 21, delete "and 146" after 122.

Column 8, Line 21, insert "shown in FIG. 5" after 122.

Column 8, Line 31 through Column 9, Line 30: completely delete lines starting from 31 of column 8 to line 30 of column 9.

A Certificate of Correction form is attached for approval. An electronic payment of \$100.00 is authorized through the electronic filing system. However, if Applicants have not paid a sufficient fee, please consider this authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any underpayment.

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